

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 4 February 2014

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Scrutiny Review of Employment and Education

The review is examining whether education and training provision matches the needs of industry and growth sectors or if in fact young people are making informed choices about the prospects of securing employment on completion of their course at an early enough stage. The review will seek to establish how education and business can work together to ensure that learning provision matches local industry need.

The review is being conducted in three strands:

Strand One – Demand (Richard Poundford lead)

What do employers expect/ need?

What are the skills gaps?

What are the sector growth areas?

Funding Opportunities

Strand Two – Provision and Performance (Lynda Brown lead)

Mapping out post 16 provision and travel to learn patterns

Performance at Key Stage 4, post 16, including vulnerable groups

Strand Three – Participation and Support – (Shaun McLurg lead)

14 – 19 Partnership and Raising Participation Plan

Careers/ Quality of Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)

Integrated Youth Support

Targeted activities for those not in employment, education or training (NEETs) and participation data

The Select Committee have taken evidence at Committee meeting as part of all three strands of the review. In addition, the Committee have undertaken a wide range of site visits as part of this review:

- Business Visits - Nifco, Cotswold Manufacturing, Fujifilm Diosynth
- NEET Provision - Matty's Bistro
- Careers Intervention – Northfield and Ian Ramsey
- NEET Careers interventions – One Shop Shop
- STEPS supported placements
- Tour of Stockton Riverside College
- Stockton Sixth Form
- Let's Take Action Group for Looked After Children

Further visits to take place include:

- Eastern Ravens TBA
- Discussion Groups with pupils from Northfield School – 28 January 14

A summary of evidence has been prepared and the Committee will be giving initial consideration to areas for recommendations at their meeting on 22 January 2014.